UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	X

Plaintiff,

Action No. 07 Civ 7694 (GEL)

- against -

PETER CASTELLANETA and QUEENS LONG ISLAND MEDICAL GROUP, P.C.,

Defendants.	
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DECLARATION OF JOSEPH T. PARERES, ESQ. IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT PETER CASTELLANETA'S MOTION TO DISMISS

Joseph T. Pareres, Esq., an attorney duly admitted to practice before this Court, submits this declaration pursuant to 28 U.S.C §1746 and declares that the following is true and correct under the penalties of perjury:

- 1) I am a partner in the law firm of Silverson, Pareres & Lombardi, LLP attorneys for QUEENS LONG ISLAND MEDICAL GROUP, P.C. This declaration is submitted in support of the Memorandum of Law in Opposition to the motion of defendant Peter Castellaneta to dismiss the government's interpleader complaint and to vacate the stay and direct the return of Mr. Castellaneta's funds.
- 2) QUEENS LONG ISLAND MEDICAL GROUP, P.C. has commenced a civil action in Supreme Court, New York County (Index No. 111252/07) against Peter Castellaneta, Curtis Gatz, Denise Lamonica, Stafford Personnel Group, and Traditional Personnel Services. In accordance with the Order of Justice Stallman, an Amended Complaint sounding in fraud, misrepresentation, and conversion has been served upon the defendants.

3) On January 24, 2008, the undersigned appeared before Hon. Michael D. Stallman in New York State Supreme Court for oral argument on defendant Castellaneta's motion to dismiss the complaint filed by QLIMG and for a Preliminary Conference. A copy of the Preliminary Conference Order is attached as EXHIBIT "A".

4) On the issue of the release of the funds, Justice Stallman specifically advised counsel that while the parties have the right to make motions in the state court regarding the holding or release of the funds in the state court proceeding, there is evidence that may justify keeping the funds in the possession of the clerk.

5) For all of the reasons set forth in the Memorandum of Law and in all of the prior motion papers on this issue, the undersigned respectfully requests that This Court deny the motion of defendant Castellaneta.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on February 13, 2008

Joseph T. Pareres, Esq. (JP-3316)

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF NEW YORK

SO ORDERED:

J.S.C.

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